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(1878-1965)
PAPERS
1930-1960

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INTRODUCTION

The Louise Bransford McGavock Papers, 1930-1960, are centered around Louise Bransford McGavock (1878-1965), social leader and philanthropist of “Two Rivers” in Nashville, Tennessee. The McGavock papers are a gift from the Metro Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Louise Bransford McGavock Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

These papers are centered around Louise Bransford McGavock (1878-1965), a social leader and philanthropist. She was the daughter of William and Manoah (McGavock) Bransford. She first married Hugh C. Kirkman, and then later went on to marry Spencer McGavock. Her home was Two Rivers Mansion, Nashville, Tennessee.

The collection contains financial records, clippings, correspondence, and miscellaneous membership cards.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Louise Bransford McGavock

- 1878 Born October 28, at “Melrose” in Nashville, Tennessee, the daughter of William and Manoah (McGavock) Bransford
- Educated at Ward Seminary
- Traveled in Europe
- 1900 Made debut in Nashville society
- 1902 Married (1) Hugh C. Kirkman
- 1929 Married (2) Spencer McGavock and removed to “Two Rivers” estate
- 1932 Removed with husband to “Melrose” estate
- 1955 Sold “Melrose” property and removed back to “Two Rivers”
- 1956 Made possible the renovation and expansion of the hematology laboratory at Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee
- Donated the Carillion at Christ Episcopal Church in memory of her parents
- 1965 November 22, died at “Two Rivers” and interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Organizations:

Daughters of 1812
Ladies Hermitage Association
Polk Memorial Association
Vanderbilt Aid

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